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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **NURSING HOME RATING POSTING COMPLIANCE**

This is in response to the January 10, 2012 motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich directing the Department of Public Health (DPH) to 1) report the number of facilities surveyed, compliance findings and actions that were taken for any instances of non-compliance; and 2) request the State Licensing and Certification Division for available compliance data on a statewide basis.

In 2010, the State passed legislation requiring nursing homes to post their five-star rating issued by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and to provide access to vital nursing home quality and performance information. The law went into effect on January 1, 2011.

For calendar year (CY) 2011, the DPH Health Facilities Inspection Division conducted Skilled Nursing Surveys at 226 skilled nursing facilities out of a total of 387 skilled nursing facilities in Los Angeles County. Based on the surveys, HFID issued three citations. Each cited facility was assessed \$500 per citation.

In CY 2011, the State Licensing and Certification Division conducted Skilled Nursing Surveys at 750 skilled nursing facilities out of a total of 1,232 skilled nursing facilities statewide. Based on these surveys, the State issued two citations. In total, for CY 2011, combined with Los Angeles County, there were five citations out of 976 Skilled Nursing Surveys for the entire State of California.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

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